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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Waymaster and members of the House Committee on Appropriations
From: Jill Wolters, First Assistant Revisor, and Scott Abbott, Assistant Revisor
Date: February 9, 2017
Re: **House Bill 2068**, Implementing new requirements related to persons in arrears under child support orders

HB 2068 would require the secretary for children and families to request of the division of vehicles to suspend, and to not accept or renew, any vehicle registration or driver's license for a person: 1) In arrears under a child support order; 2) 15 days or more delinquent in making a payment under a child support order; or 3) has an outstanding warrant or subpoena related to a child support proceeding.

HB 2068 would increase the interest rate on judgments arising from a child support order to 15% per annum from the current rate of 10% per annum.

HB 2068 would amend the current provisions concerning suspension of professional licenses for persons in arrears under a child support order. Currently, a person in arrears under a child support order is subject to suspension of any professional license if the person is three months or more behind in making child support payments, and the person can regain licensure upon commencing a payment plan. The bill would change the threshold to six months or \$10,000, and would require a person to pay any owed child support in full before regaining licensure. Current law also permits a person to continue practicing a licensed profession under a temporary license for six months; HB 2068 would remove that provision and would suspend all licensure until the person pays any owed child support in full.

HB 2068 would require the secretary for children and families to direct the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism to suspend, and to not accept or renew, any fishing, hunting, furharvester or combination license for a person who is 15 days or more delinquent in making a payment under a child support order. Currently, such a license is only suspended if the person is actually documented as in arrears by the court or the department for children and families.

HB 2068 would require the secretary for children and families to direct the secretary of wildlife, park and tourism to suspend, and to not accept or renew, any boat or vessel registration for a person who owes arrears under a child support order valued at six months of payments or \$10,000, or has an outstanding warrant or subpoena related to a child support proceeding.

If enacted, the bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2017.